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SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA: UN DECOLONIZATION SUB-COMMITTEE'S  
CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REF: USUN 29747

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS REPORT WITH UK HIGH COMMISSIONER BRIND, WHO  
HAD HEARD NOTHING ABOUT IT FROM LONDON. HE CONFIRMED MY UNDERSTANDING  
THAT UK-GOM AGREEMENT ON DIEGO CONTAINS NO RESTRICTIONS WHATSOEVER ON  
NATURE OF USE OF DIEGO FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES. HE ASSURED ME GOM WELL  
AWARE THIS FACT AND WOULD HAVE NO LEGAL LEG TO STAND  
ON IF IT SHOULD TRY TO RAISE ISSUE IN ICJ. HE UNAWARE ANY GOM  
INTENTION FOR PRESENT AT LEAST TO DO SO.

2. I TOLD BRIND I FELT I SHOULD QUIETLY ASK GOM ITS VIEWS ON SUB-  
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COMMITTEE REPORT, BUT DID NOT WANT TO PRE-EMPT HIS PREROGATIVES IN

MATTER. BRIND SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE MY GOING AHEAD WITH FACTUAL INQUIRY AND KEEPING HIM POSTED.

3. MAKING CLEAR I WAS NOT ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, I TODAY ASKED BURRENCHOBAY, PERMSECY, PM'S OFFICE, HIS VIEW ABOUT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT'S STATEMENTS RE GOM POSITION. AVOIDING COMMENT ON ALLEGED UKG ASSURANCE THAT DIEGO WOULD BE USED ONLY AS A COMMUNICATIONS CENTER HE SAID HE KNEW OF NO GOM PLANS TO RAISE QUESTION WITH ICJ. HE ADDED HOWEVER THAT GOM IS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING AT LEAST WITH COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES (INCLUDING AUSTRALIA) IN THIS AREA GENERAL CONCEPT OF INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE TO GET CLEARER IDEA OF WHERE EVERYONE STANDS. HE ADMITTED HE WAS NOT SURE OF PM'S CURRENT THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT AND WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT HIGHER.

4. I REFERRED TO EDITORIAL AUGUST 30 IN MAURITIAN TIMES (ASSOCIATED WITH RULING LABOR PARTY BUT NOT PM'S OWN PAPER) WHICH PLACED ONUS COMPLETELY ON US FOR NAVAL ESCALATION IN INDIAN OCEAN, PEGGED TO OUR DIEGO EXPANSION, AND PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN MAURITIUS ON IOPZ TO RESOLVE ISSUE. I REMARKED THIS WAS FIRST TIME I HAD SEEN SUCH IDEA BROACHED. BURRENCHOBAY PROFESSED SURPRISE AND SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD SUCH PROPOSAL BEFORE EITHER.  
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